Figure 6A: 2007 Criminal Activity - Drugs and Property

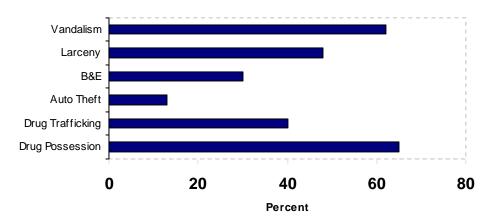
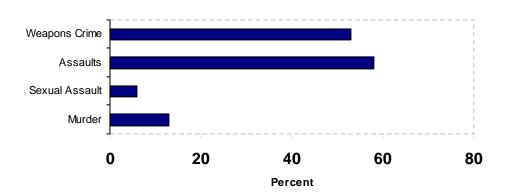


Figure 6B: 2007 Criminal Activity - Violent



Drug possession and vandalism were the most common crimes committed by gang members in North Carolina. Weapons crimes and assaults were the most often noted violent crimes committed by gangs.

can be held accountable for a large proportion of crime while similar gangs, in other locations, will only be accountable for a smaller proportion of the total crime. The typical gang is loosely organized with membership constantly in flux and engages in cafeteria style crime – a little bit of drug using and selling, some vandalism, a smattering of larceny with an occasional assault or two on the side (Papachristos, 2005).

A severity of crime index was created to compare the seriousness of the